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Welcome to Rooster Crow 2025!

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Rogue River and the Rooster Crow Committee, welcome to the annual National Rooster Crow weekend! This year will be our 72nd such event, carrying on the tradition of wonderful family-focused fun. On Friday, the Rogue River Community Center hosts a "rooster" dinner. Saturday's events kick off with the parade, then the ever-popular "Human Crow," followed by the real-time Rooster Crowing competition. Live music will be on hand on both Saturday and Sunday.

We thank our many community volunteers who make this event possible. We'd also like to acknowledge all the businesses and civic organizations that have supported the publication of this booklet and this event. This support allows your Kiwanis Club to continue serving the youth of Rogue River, Evans Valley, and Wimer in the following ways:

- Scholarships for High School students.
- Recognize local students' achievements each month.
- Host the "Halloween Safe House" at the Live Oak Grange.
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- And more!

If you are a community-focused, good-hearted, and fun-loving person, please consider joining us in our efforts! Members of our club will be around all weekend (especially at our Soft-Serve ice cream trailer). Stop by and say hello; we'd enjoy meeting you!

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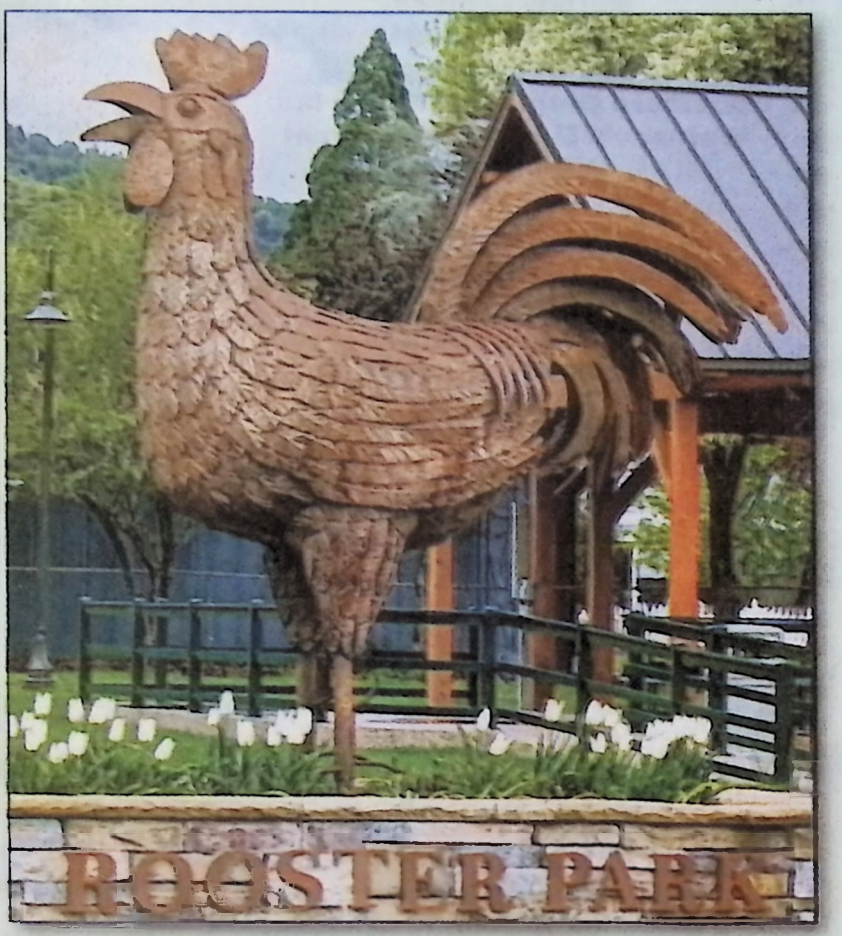

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2025 Rooster Crow Grand Marshal: Karen Thornton

Brian Mortensen
Rogue River Press

If you've lived as rich a life as Karen Thornton has and have an engaging personality like Karen Thornton's, you might not be willing to share it.

It is a command performance.

Karen Thornton is one of those people to whom you are compelled to sit and listen because you will soon hear something that grabs your attention or might even inspire you.

That seems reason enough for anyone to be the grand marshal of their city's parade, at least once! And that's likely why Karen Thornton is the Grand Marshal of the 2025 Rogue River Rooster Crow Parade on Saturday, June 28. The parade begins at 10 a.m. in downtown Rogue River.

"I thought when I got the call that they were going to ask me to judge the parade again," Thornton, who turns 79 this year, said. "They said, 'No, no. You're going to be in the parade. We've nominated you as the Grand Marshal."

"Grand Marshal? That's usually for someone that's old and near death. Oh. Wait a second. Time flies."

During the interview for this story, after a delightful conversation, Thornton asked, "How do you make anything out of that. 'Why am I a grand marshal?'"

Karen Thornton

"I think because I was a popular realtor. Teresa (Ward) and I were the top realtors, I'd say, for a good 15 years. We were always competing with each other before she owned Bradley Realty," she said.

Karen Thornton was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in September 1946. She and her husband Bill moved to Rogue River in the fall of 1989, already with a full memory bank of experiences and stories. The Thorntons chose Rogue River after years of doing business in Medford through their main business venture, the water bed frame business. They had purchased all of their company's plywood at the Medco mill in Medford.

"We had some friends up here, and we came into Oregon for Thanksgivin We fell in LOVE with it, a we said, 'That's it,' and sold what we had do there," she said. "And for years, I was my husban last employee."

The Thorntons even ally sold out of the w terbed frame busine when, frankly, they we priced out of it. Others the business were able undersell them by payi their workers less in wag and benefits than t Thorntons.

"We did it the Americ way," he said.

In Rogue River, t Thorntons both got wh they wanted. For Mr. Tho

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Karen Thornton as a Go-Go Dancer.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
ANNUAL ROOSTER CROW - 2025

IDAY, JUNE 27:

Rooster Crow Kick-off Dinner
the Rogue River Community Center
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m.

2 *Followed with Live Entertainment by*
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TURDAY, JUNE 28

Rooster Crow Parade
10 am
At the Woodville Shopping Center

*The **"Don West Band"***
will perform during the
***"Brush Strokers"** art display*
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Woodville Museum Bandstand

Human Crowing Contest
1:30 pm
Rooster Crow Arena

4 ***National***
Rooster Crow Contest
2:30 pm
Rooster Crow Arena

5 *The **"Brass Alibi Band"***
will perform from
4:00 pm.to 7:00 pm
Rooster Crow Pavilion

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'NDAY, JUNE 29:

Rooster Crow Car Show
9:00 am

"Church at the Crow"
10:00 am
Pastor Rodger Coale - Cowboy Church

5 ***The "Rock Steady Band"***
will perform from
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Rooster Crow Pavilion

Live Entertainment
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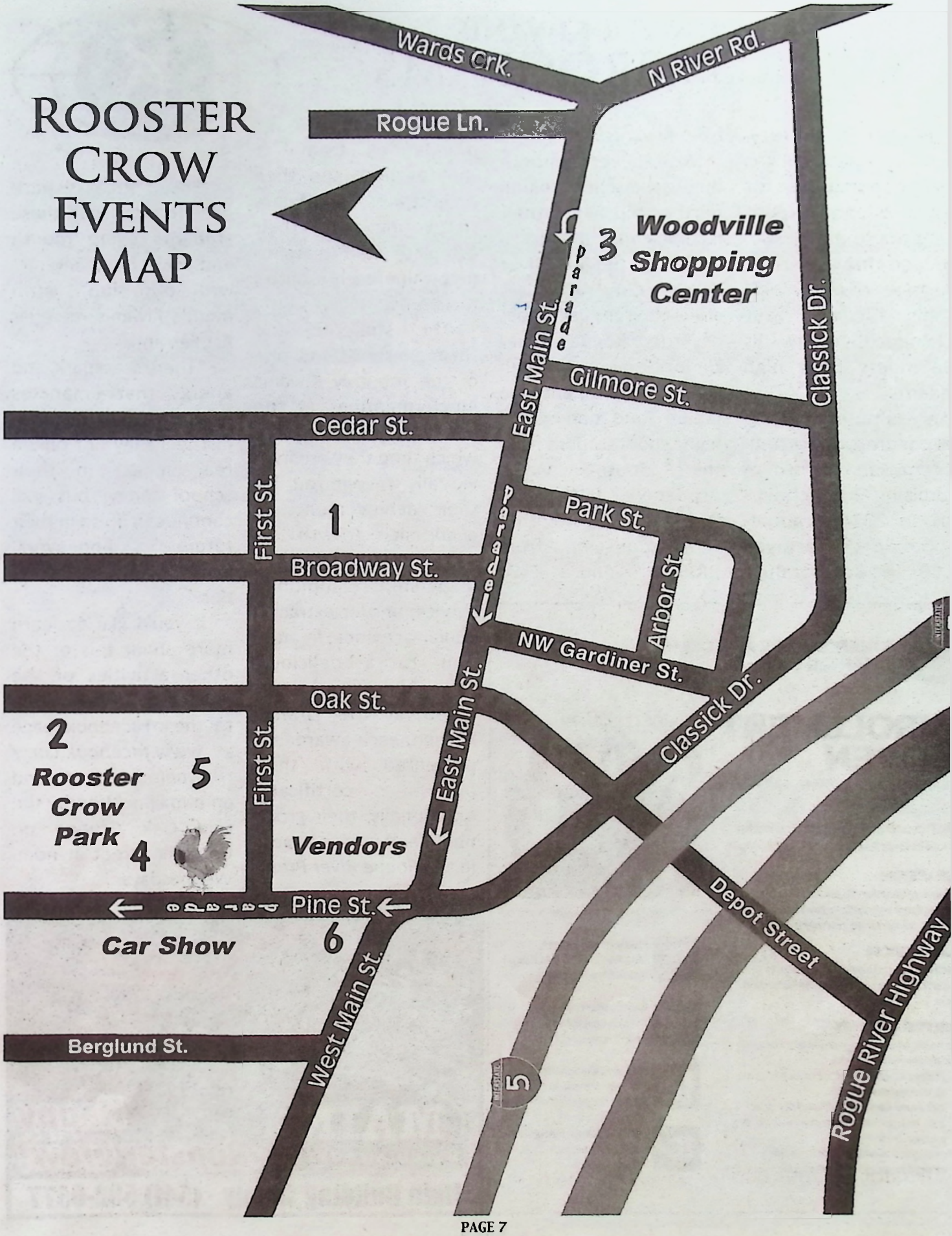
Rooster Crow Events Map



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ı example of giving children opportuni- omes in the form of aising for scholar- . In 2024, graduat- seniors received 0 in scholarships from Kiwanis.

Also, every month during the school year in partnership with their faculties and administration, the Rogue River Kiwanis Club recognizes students from each class of the Rogue River Junior/Senior High School (RRJSHS) and one junior and one senior high school student from the South Valley Academy (SVA) as Students of the Month.

A counselor, from RRJSHS and SVA, receives recommendations from the teachers and then orchestrates a confidential voting from their complete staff team to determine each month's recipients.

The students and their guests attend one of the monthly Kiwanis lunch meetings at the Live Oak Grange Hall at which time they are individually recognized for their achievements in academic growth or excellence, school/class leadership, community service, and/or extracurricular activities. In addition to a delicious, homemade lunch prepared in the Grange kitchen, each awardee is presented with their own certificate. Additionally, their group photo and names appear in the *Rogue River Press*.

"It's a great experience to meet with these students every month and have them interact with our club," commends Kiwanis member Art Ferranti.

"There's a spark and energy that emanates from them and you can just feel they not only a real impact in their school today, but will continue to do so in their future endeavors, careers, and communities."

If you'd like to learn more about this or the other activities of the Rogue River Kiwanis, go to their Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/rrkiwanisclub/* and send an e-mail or drop by the Live Oak Grange on Gardiner Street at noon Wednesdays.

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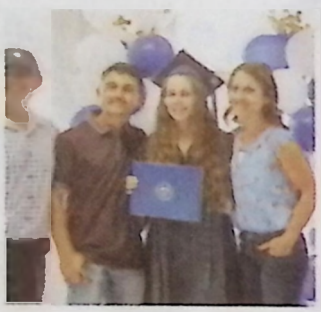

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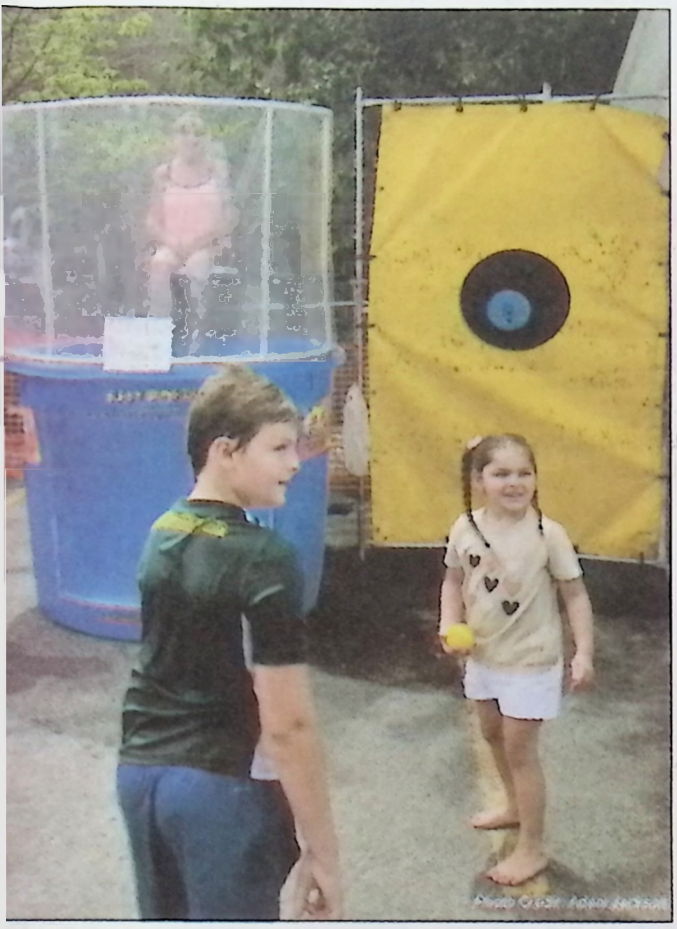

City of Rogue River Mayor Pam VanArsdale sits in a dunk tank ready to cool off once more

The Rogue River Rooster Crow Weekend, the 72nd version of the weekend that started in the city in 1953, had a twist in 2024.

The event's focus is mostly downtown, from the Saturday morning Rooster Crow Parade, the National Rooster Crowing Championships and Human Crowing Contest at Rooster Park, and then the Rooster Crow Car Show on Pine Street and streets surrounding Rooster Park.

But last year, businesses on East Main Street began their own traditions as part of the weekend.

2024 was the first year the Rooster Crow was put on just by the Rogue River Kiwanis and the Rooster Crow Committee, with some support from the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, but less direct support from the City of Rogue River.

"The Rooster Crow Committee is hoping to continue growing the relationship with the Chamber of Commerce," said Shellie Garrison, the event coordinator for the Rooster Crow Committee.

Garrison said there were between 60 and 70 vendors in the city, in the parking lots south of Rooster Park. "We had 28 roosters crowing with the countless children and a whole list of adults doing the same on Saturday.

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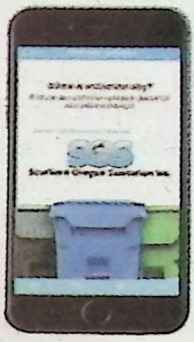

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ithin a month of ıg to the city, she Anna Classick. She a very whirlwind- igure who served n the city until her ı in 2002, whose im- was so felt that she ly had a street AND k named after her.

was Anna's go-fer for t eight years," she said. I joined every club I l because the idea of ; in a small town ap- ed to me. I'd never in one."

ırough Anna Classick, nton joined the Rogue Civic Club. The club formed in the early of the city's history, ı the young city's ts were dirt and mud. Civic Club raised funds ave wooden sidewalks to protect the ıen's dresses.

he said she also joined Veterans of Foreign s to draw her husband, S. Marine Corps vet, it, and the Friends of Library, "but the Civic was my main thrust."

hrough the Civic Club, helped create the Caps Kids campaign, where y November, students ogue River Elementary ɔol would receive a knit

Karen's pet project through the Civic Club - The Caps for Kids Campaign happens every November for Rogue River kids.

cap for the winter, all knit by members of the Civic Club. The club started with 32 in 1991, its first year, but ballooned to the point of members knitting hundreds of caps a year, one knitting even 1,000 in a year. One has been knitting 200 a year for 25 years.

"We had the Head Start kids walk over to the Civic Club and they chose their hat," she said. "It was so cute watching them do that."

In 1994, the Civic Club considered the young boys and girls, second graders, of what would be Rogue River Jr. Sr. High School's class of 2004, and decided that each one of them could use another grandmother, from the club, and "adopted" the class.

She said she still sees Crystal, who has two children of her own and has a dog grooming business on Queens Branch Road.

"I've got two great-grandchildren now," she said. "I get invited for holidays. It's my side families. I wanted a grandchild."

Karen Thornton and her granddaughter.

She and Bill never had children of their own.

"We were risking our income and everything," she said. "Our business was our child. We never settled down. We just 'went for it.'"

And for Halloween, a holiday that was special to her father, who died in 1989, the year she moved to Rogue River, she would entertain the local children with her "Casper the Friendly Ghost" costume, who became Casper the PREGNANT Ghost, who would have as many as 200 decorated Tootsie Rolls in her "belly" at the Civic Club's Halloween safe house from a pouch over her shoulder, her "children".

"In 25 years, I birthed 5,000 baby ghosts," she said.

Thornton was the last president of the Civic Club when it ended sometime between 2020 and 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is now the treasurer for the Rogue River Community Center's board of directors and the treasurer for the historical Woodville Cemetery board.

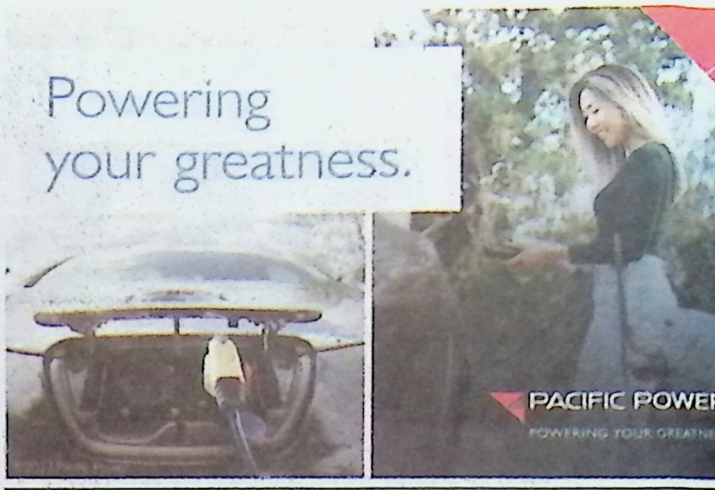
Pictures courtesy of Karen Thornton.

Kick-Off Dinner

At the annual Rooster Crow "kick-off" dinner, to be held this year on June 27. Doors will be open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center. Roosters are given permission by Rogue River's Mayor to "strut their stuff" during the National Rooster Crow Festival.

And, the "finely clad" fowl are allowed to display their plumage and "crow to their heart's content without fear of retribution" – meaning the mayor will grant the poultry a 24-hour amnesty.

The roosters (or hens) in the 24 hours preceding Friday night's are not so lucky; a barbecued chicken dinner is the main course!



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2024 Car Show Winners

Winner of Best in Show was Dennis Freeley's Model T

Cindy and Swanny Swanson of Gold Hill, won the Participants' Choice award with their 1933 American Austin Bantam Five-window Coupe

The Rooster Crow Car Show, always a huge draw among car fans from all over Southern Oregon, had its most significant draw in years on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

The show drew 111 vehicles, Rooster Crow coordinator Shellie Garrison said, which hearkened back to pre-COVID-19 times.

Dennis Feeley of Rogue River, who also showed his Ford Model T in the Rooster Crow Parade Saturday morning, was named Best of Show in the Car Show.

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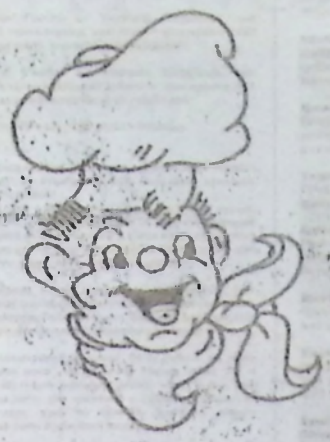

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The owners of the top three roosters in the National Rooster Crowing Championships were 2nd Place Claudia Williams of Gold Hill, Champion Bethany Horne of Selma and 3rd Place, Ellie Bruner of Rogue River.

top hat she wore to the contest on top of her rooster's cage, proceeded to encourage her rooster.

"Come on, Mr. Bowie!," she yelled. "Sing the song of your people!"

Late in the contest, as Mr. Bowie kept crowing, holding, at least to a pace of a little more than one crow per minute, Horne was feeling good.

"Who says this the Year of the Dragon," she cried. "This is the Year of the Rooster!"

The 39 crows more than doubled the output of the rooster brought by Claudia Williams of Gold Hill, which crowed 18 times.

The third-place rooster was brought by Ellie Bruner, 11, from Rogue River, and crowed 17 times.

This was the first time Horne had visited Rogue River for Rooster Crow.

"I found out about it a month ago, and I was like, 'I need a vending spot so I can bring my rooster and wear my rooster dress, and here we are," she said.

Horne is a leatherworker who came to the Illinois Valley from Connecticut.

"I fell in love with the area and moved out here five, six years ago," she said. She made the leather top hat that was now on top of her head.

She said she purposed to give Mr. Bowie "positive encouragement" through the contest. Asked if it generally worked, she said she wasn't sure.

"It's my first time trying it," she said. "I was worried I wouldn't be able to crow on demand.

My boyfriend was like, 'Oh, once all the other roosters start crowing, he'll start crowing.' No one else crowed. He crowed."

For Mr. Bowie's efforts and her owner's positive encouragement, they won the top prize of $150, while Williams won $50 and Bruner won $35. Bruner is the same age as 2023 champion Penelope Judson, whose Buffy won with a record-low 19 crows.

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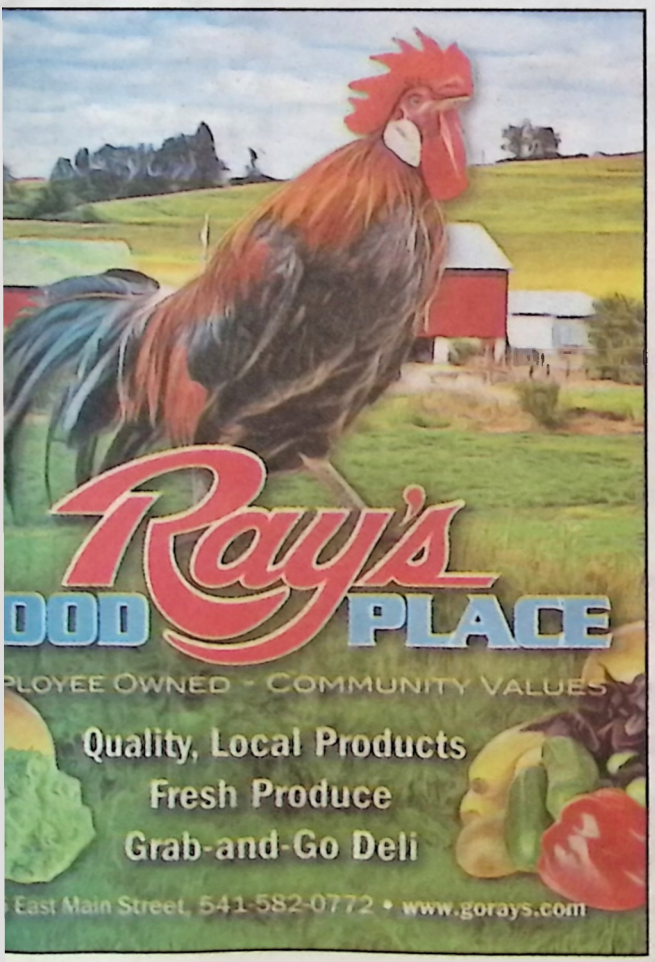

Chicken Farmer Crows to Win

The top three of the Human Crowing Contest were third-placer John DiClaula of Rogue River, left, champion Christian Alexandre of Crescent City, Calif., and second-placer Riley Linson of Prospect.

At least two contestants among 27 adults in the Human Crowing Contest, the opening act for the National Rooster Crowing Championship at Rooster Park on Sat., June 29, were chicken farmers.

One of them, Christian Alexandre of Crescent City, Calif., was the winner.

There was a reasonably large competition, with 27 contestants competing with one former champion, Trisha Cromwell from Rogue River.

The competition was so significant that two microphones had to be set up on stage at Rooster Park to allow competitors to give their best crows, one after the other.

A panel of five judges was able to cut the field down to five competitors, and then, through audience applause, the top five were picked out, and then the final three, including Alexandre, 32, and Riley Linson of Prospect and John DiClaula of Rogue River.

He introduced himself as Alexandre, "just like the eggs and the milk," and he is, in fact, a member of the same family that owns the large dairy and egg farm on the Northern California coast.

"As soon as I learned about it, I was looking forward to it," he said. "We came over for this. We have hens at home. Alexandre Kids Eggs. We sell eggs at the natural foods stores, and we sell milk, at Alexandre Family Farm."

As for his technique on the stage in Rogue River, it was learned through a life of work on the farm.

"I've been practicing rooster crowing since I was a kid," he said. "I did good enough. I don't have any more in me My throat hurts now."

He was being honest A Rooster Crow fan tried to get Alexandre to repeat his winning crow while she took a video

He declined

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Rooster Crow circa 1954.

Rogue River's famed ster Crow Contest ted in 1953 as a clever, ne say silly, way to let s know that Rogue River town, not just a river.

Shade Combs, inspired the tale of Welsh coal ers who staged colorful ster crowing contests ing their holidays, red the idea with fellow rchants interested in erating a little publicity self-promotion.

Combs's proposition was accepted by the Rogue River Booster Club and funds were set aside for a cash prize for the owner of the rooster that crowed the most within a 30-minute period.

The first contest was held May 23, 1953. There were 75 roosters perched and ready to let loose when Chief of Police William Peters fired the opening gun at 10 a.m. The caged cocks were free to crow for half an hour. Hollerin' Harry crowed 71 times and earned his owner $50.

Now, $50 was a sizable sum, considering that in 1953, gas was 25 cents a gallon as were a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk. And, coffee was a mere 50 cents a pound.

Interstate 5 had yet to be built, but still more than 500 people traveled to the tiny hamlet of Rogue River to witness the contest held at City Park.

The contest continued to entertain even after the final cock-a-doodle-doo. Grants Pass auctioneer Charlie Morrison auctioned off the fowl---some had gone afoul, ruffling the feathers of their coop-side handlers.

Silent Sam owned by Bill Reeder was offered first. Having lived up to his

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CROW GROWTH from page 10

"There were so many people. It was an incredible turnout, the best we have had since COVID!"

There was no Rooster Crow Weekend in 2020, with the outbreak of the pandemic occurring just three and a half months before Rooster Crow. Events were eased back in, starting with 2021 with just the Car Show on Saturday, with a nearly full weekend in 2022, missing only the Ore-Cal River Racers' hydroplane boat racing. The racing returned in 2023 and could have been back in 2024, but for what appears to be a missed application date. They will be missing again in 2025.

With new businesses opening on East Main Street, Rooster Crow appeared to expand.

The Rogue River Grower's Market, at 108 Depot Street, the property purchased by Rogue River real estate agent Niki Murphy, had its events Saturday and Sunday, with concerts, a National Guard climbing wall, food and drink, and games for kids.

"The kids were soooooo happy. The fire department (Jackson County Fire District No. 1) made contact with approximately 200 people talking about fire prevention (and) fuels reduction," Murphy said. "The barbecue went over really well. The best part were the bands and being able to sit and visit in the shade with neighbors and friends, like its supposed be, not just shopping, no offense to shopping."

National Guard Climbing Wall

Just beyond Wards Creek, the Rogue Pub-n-Putt held its event with little benefit to community service. Mayor Pam VanArsdale sat in a dunk tank and was drenched a number of times. This was still in the early afternoon before the temperatures peaked just above 80 degrees F.

"Yes, I got dunked quite a few times," VanArsdale said. "I lost count, but I'm going to say that I was dunked at least 20 times."

For a few dollars or five canned food items, folks had a chance to throw softball and try to dun the Mayor to raise funds for the Rogue River Com munity Center food bank.

"They made $100 to g to the Community Cente food bank," the Mayo said. "I was hoping for little warmer weather something that I neve thought I'd say on Rooste Crow. But it was perfe weather for everythin else! If we have a dun tank next year, we shou probably start earlier (the day) and try to ge more people willing to s in it."

The ever-growing Sout Valley Academy held yard sale down furthe east on East Main Stree The school is anticipatin renovations to make be ter use of space for grades 3-12 enrollmen that isn't always on cam pus at the same time bu is now at just over 10 students.

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Beetle Baum	109	1974	Wild Bill	59	1995	Mr. Skinhead	69	2017	Carter	45
Rocky	79	1975	Rastus	73	1996	Fowl Mouth	80	2018	Phoenix	43
Prince Albert	81	1976	Hamlet	57	1997	One-Eyed Jack	31	2019	SKY H1	37
Briggs	70	1977	Doodle Do	62	1998	Hank	50	2022	Chris Rock	81
Goldie	66	1978	White Lightning	112	1999	Henry Rooster	42	2023	Buffy	19
Rusty	68	1979	Chunker98		2000	Love Machine	36	2024	Mr. Bowie	39
Sandy	96	1980	Lewis	87	2001	Splash	49	2025	???	??
Jerome	67	1981	Crow'n Joe	82	2002	Warfield	46			
Rascal	69	1982	Crow'n Joe	65	2003	Stew M. Wright	25			
Geronimo	63	1983	Crow'n Joe	70	2004	Trigger	42			
Mac-A Do	90	1984	Chicken Little	83	2005	B.W.	107			
Mac's Joe	69	1985	Crystal's		2006	Winchester	30			
Black Fella	71		Silver Streak	61	2007	Raul	45			
Drum Stick	80	1986	Rosebud	90	2008	Charles	36			
Rinky Dink	49	1987	Redland Red	48	2009	Fluffy	42			
T-Bird	63	1988	Will E. Crow	56	2010	Bye Bye Bob	63			
Guber	71	1989	Henry	74	2011	Bye Bye Bob	63			
Rex	70	1990	Toby	71	2012	George	44			
Super Chicken	85	1991	Bart	76	2013	Lil' Lung Larry	64			
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name, his owner disgustedly bid 10 cents and then watched a flurry of bidding. After high bidder Harold McKenzie paid $50, there was a rush of rooster owners hoping to cash in, but the bidding dropped rapidly.

A drizzling rain that turned to a downpour failed to dampen the spirits of the spectators or the boosters, and Medford, Grants Pass and Portland media gave the crow fest such favorable publicity, the boosters decided to hold a second contest on September 5, 1953.

According to a *Rogue River Press* article published in June 1954, organizers expected 1,500 people to attend that summer's crow fest. Instead, 2,000 folks poured into the city and witnessed Rocky knock out the competition with 79 crows.

Before all the cock-a-doodle-doo-ing begins, there is a rooster-themed parade---this year, the theme is "Plenty of Pluck."

In addition to memorabilia, roosters will appear everywhere---on T-shirts, hats, banners, aprons, shoes and flags, and in the form of rooster statues and stuffed roosters.

The late Charlie Weaver, a Kiwanian and a local Realtor, had a front row seat at the Rooster Crow ever since that first one in '53.

"I remember when it was held down on Depot Street," he recalled once. "Cages lined each side of the street, and there were roosters and people up and down, all along the curbs."

He also laughed at the memory of one contest that started with a bang. The police chief was to blow a whistle at 10 a.m. to signal the start. No one heard the whistle, so he fired his pistol.

"Everyone was scared silly, the roosters too," he added.

From Depot Street, the contest moved to where the Umpqua Bank parking lot is today. For years, festivities were held at Wards Creek Park, explained Weaver.

"Well, the freeway took out the park, and that ended that," he added.

The Rogue River Lions Club took over from the Rogue River Boosters Club, and since 1993, the Kiwanis have been lead organizers with the support of the City of Rogue River.

These days, the Rooster Crow shares the spotlight during what has become an entire weekend of activities a parade, the National Human Crow contest, a classic car show, entertainment, arts and crafts, and food.

The weekend-l festival really starts roc and rollin' du Saturday's parade v floats, marching u horses, dogs, llamas, folks in rooster costu head down Main Str Hundreds of people the streets between Rogue River Shopp Center and Rogue R Elementary School.

"This all seemed ho when I moved here 2002," said Holly S then a member of Chamber of Comme "First, you ask yourself and then you find you saying why not!"

"No one can figure why, it just is," said Wea "People love it. It's ju whole lot of fun."

Added Spitz: "Thi small town America. Th what we do."

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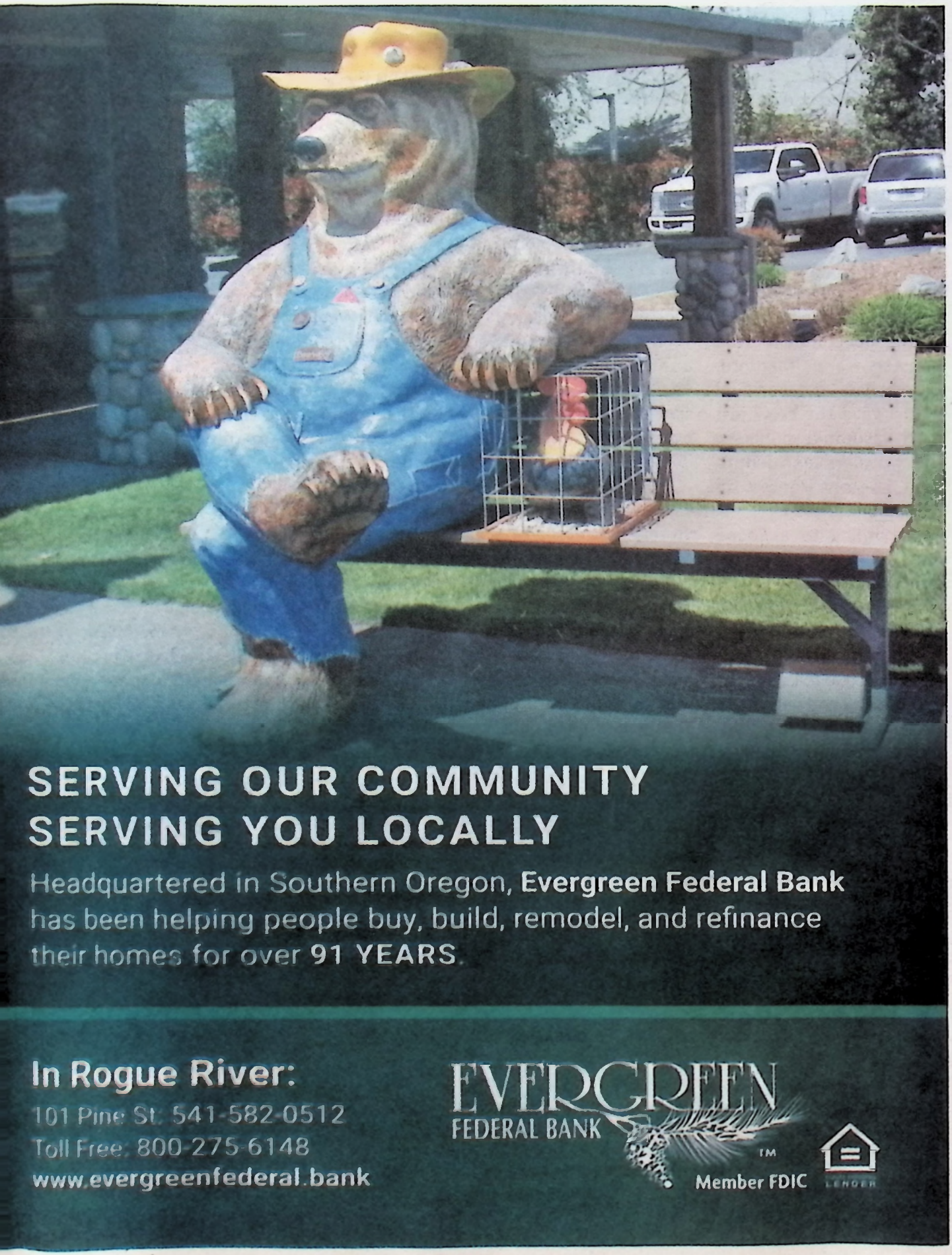
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On the day of the Rooster Crow, fill out an entry form. Entry forms are available at the registration booth set up at the Crowing Contest area. No prior registration will be made.

Entries will be accepted from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At the time of registration, the roosters will be left in the Rooster Crow Arena.

There is NO ENTRY FEE.

At 2:30 p.m., the Crowing Contest gets underway as the judges start counting the utterances of the feathered contestants. For 30 solid minutes, the crows of each rooster are recorded by their private judge. Scores are tallied and awards are made at 3:15 p.m.

Cash prizes are presented to the owners of the top three contenders. Those wishing to participate must abide by the following rules:

1. One rooster per person.
2. The rooster must be in the cage.
3. Entrant must furnish one judge 14 years of age or older.
4. Crow tallies may be verified by Crow officials at any time.
5. No mechanical, electrical, physical, or chemical stimulants or devices will be allowed in the cage with the rooster.
6. In no case will the roosters be abused or mistreated.

Interpretation, application and enforcement of these rules are the prerogative of the Rogue River Kiwanis Club and violations may result in warning or disqualification.

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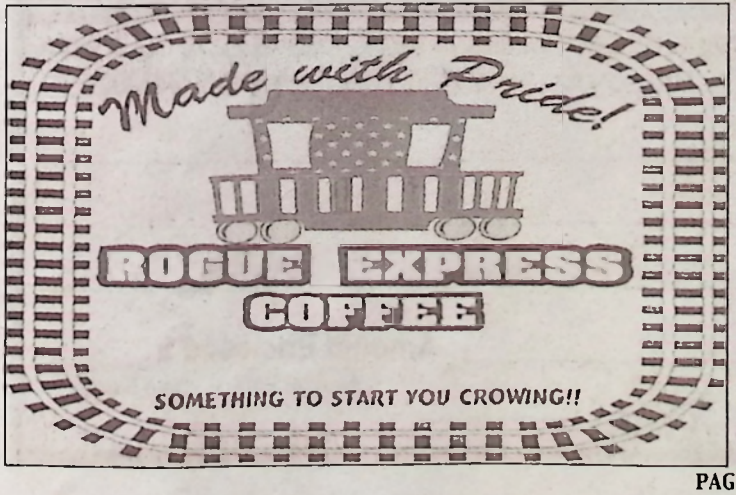
Have you ever wondered what your town was like over 50 years ago?

Possibly, the best way find out is to ask someone who saw the town with his or her own eyes.

Alumnus from what was once called Rogue River High School have been gathering in Rogue River, specifically Palmerton Park, to reconnect and meet with alums from other classes, possibly of the classmates, even grand children, for years, a the Rogue River Hig School All-Alumni Picni

The picnic is on Sun day, June 29, from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Palmerton Park.

The gathering ha been called the Ol Timer's Picnic. It ha been held at Palmerto Park nearly every yea for years, even genera tions.



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